Rocks News

Rocks, Jan. 22.- The dirt roads are very bad around here.

Mrs. Woodrow Fitchett and son of Newport News spent a few days with her father, J. R. Ranson last week.

Wiley Ranson brought a fallen near where Preston Ferguson lives.

L. K. Almond and son, Harry, sold tobacco in Farmville last week.

Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Richardson and children and her mo her, Mrs. D. W. Perkins, of Salem; Mis Gertrude Ranson, of Appomattox; and Robert Perkins, of the Navy; Mr. Richard Inge, of Appomattox; and Mrs. Louis Ransom also Sunday School at Rocks Sunday A. M. and also preaching service, Rev. W. M. Black had charge of the service.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Roach spent Sunday with Mrs. D. R. Inge and Claiborne. Also Mrs. Richard Inge, of Lynchburg was a week-end visitor.

A. A. Baldwin called to see J. H. Ranson Sunday afternoon.

G. T. Marsh will sell tobacco in Lynchburg Tuesday.

Mrs. Bernard Richardson and son spent one day last week with her mother, Mrs. D. R. Inge.

John Chernault called in the home of L. K. Almond last Sunday afternoon.

Mrs. Wiley Dickerson and baby, of Farmville spent a few days with her husband's father, J. W. Dickerson, of Pamplin, last week.

Mrs. J. W. Dickerson returned from Richmond to her home here Saturday.

Quite a large crowd attended Mrs. J. A. Garrett s sale Saturday.

Mrs. J. A. Garrett and Ethel and Mr. and Mrs. Toby Inge spent last Sunday at S aunton.

Mr. and Mrs. Jim Frank Ranson went to Appomattox Saturday afternoon.

Little Bettie Jean Taylor, who was sick last week, is better.

Bethany

Bethany, Jan. 23.- Mr. and Mrs. Edward Ranson and Miss Odelle Ranson, of Lynchburg spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. S. C. Ranson.

Mr. and Mrs. J. P. Harvey and Mrs. Walker Jennings spent Thursday with Mr. and Mrs. James Mrs. Curtis Paulette and daughter, Dorothy Ann and Miss Ora Paulette visited in the same home Thursday evening.

Miss Dorothy Austin spent the week-end with Misses Ora and Carolyn Paulette, Miss Martha Harvey spent Sunday in the same home.

Mr. and Mrs. Joe Faulconer, Mrs. Mrs. Walker Jennings, and Mr. and Mrs. Frank Austin and Mrs. Harvey, Hunter Martin and S. C. Ranson and Walter Paulette attended the phone meeting at Mr. and Mrs. E. L. Harvey's on Saturday evening.

Miss Joan Harris spent Monday night with Miss Dorothy Ann Paulette.

Mr. and Mrs. Curtis Paulette and daughter, Dorothy Ann and Misses Ora and Carolyn Paulette and Miss Dorothy Austin called on Mr. and Mrs. Earl Harris Saturday evening.

Miss Margare Skeets, of Finca-tle spent the week-end in the home of Mrs. Ruth Jennings.

Chap News

Chap, Jan. 23.- Mrs. Mell Jones, who has been very sick, is some better. Her daughter, Mrs. Edward Harris spent awhile with her and now her daughter, Mrs. Troy Whittley, of New York, is with her.

Hilda Jones has been sick with a cold.

W. H. Ferguson is spending awhile with Everette Ferguson.

Mrs. Ray Ferguson and baby spent the week-end with Mr. and Mrs. Everette Ferguson. Mrs. Ray Ferguson plans to visit her husband, Pvt. Ray Ferguson January 26, at Camp Wheeler, Ga.

Mr. and Mrs. Alex Smith were recent visitors of Floyd Smith.

Minnie Smith was sick with a cold Sunday.

The roads are very bad in this section, but would be improved with several hours work.

Clarence Tester has moved to the farm of the late Floyd Wooldridge.

We are sorry to hear of the illness of Mrs. Floyd Wooldridge.

Mrs. Mack Powell, of Newark, N. J., is spending awhile with relatives here.

Improvements added Mrs. S. B. Jones Sunday P. M.

CONCORED DOTS

There were attended the regular preaching service of the Galilee Baptist Church last Sunday. The pastor, Rev. Yates preached a very helpful sermon from the text: "Blessed are he pure in heart." Following the regular preaching service communion was served. The collection during the day was very good. The mens club of the Galilee Baptist Church met at the close of the service. The club will hold a special meeting on the first Sunday in February.

The Young Peoples Victory Club will hold its regular meeting at the Galilee Baptist Church on the first Sunday in February at 4 P. M., with a special vesper service. The teachers of Appomattox County are asked to make up the program.

The annual church meeting of the Firs Baptist Church was held last Monday at 8 P. M. The pastor, Rev. N. R. Jordan presented his program of work for the year. The church showed a marked improvement in every respect. All auxiliaries of the church reported great success during the year.

The public is invited to attend preaching service at Promise Land Church this Sunday at the 11:30 service. The church choir will render special music.

Misses Roana Alice and Laurn O. Jones of the Bethlehem community have returned to their studies at Va. Union University, Richmond, and Drakes Business College, Jersey City respectively after spending a recent vacation here with their parents, deacon and Mrs. D. A. Jones.

Rev. F. D. Yates, Miss Hester Stephens and Mrs. Massey Stevens were Sunday dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Tibbs.

Mrs. Evelyn Flowers, of Kentucky was he week-end guest of her sister, Mrs. N. R. Jordan.

The Modernistic Club was entertained at the home of Mr. and Mrs. G. L. James Friday evening.

The second semester will begin at Carver High School February 5.

All patrons of the Appomattox Chap and Promise Land communities are invited to attend the monthly meeting of the Parent-Teacher Association at Carver High School this Monday evening at 8 P. M.

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"Wouldn't be a bit surprised. I saw in the paper the other day where the Government has raided thousands of such stills during the past year."

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Find Answer to Nazi Bomb Peril

Electronic Brain Is Found Efficient in Records Made in Britain.

WASHINGTON. — One answer to the robot buzz bomb threat to civilization's future is the electronic brain.

This brain is the direction finder used by American artillery to aim and fire guns. The record of the one used by American batteries on England's south coast—three out of every four robots shot down by ground guns—is reported in the Bell Laboratories record, of the Bell Telephone laboratories which built the brain in cooperation with the Western Electric company.

The performance here reported makes it even reasonably possible that electronic brains may be developed faster than terror weapons and that the brains will be a good guarantee against success of any surprise war.

The Bell Telephone brain is known as the M-9 director. It was demonstrated to newspapermen about a year ago, but its internal working is a secret. All American and British anti-aircraft batteries on the English coast had these directors for use against the buzz bombs.

On Normandy Beach.

What happened is told by Clarence A. Lovell and Richard R. Hough, of the laboratories, who went to England and Normandy at invasion time. They said that on the English coast the M-9 directors regularly were bringing down 76 per cent of all the buzz bombs which passed through their area.

"When you consider," Dr. Lovell explained, "that the target is traveling at 350 to 450 miles per hour and is only 17 feet wide, and that the range on the average was as far as from the Battery to the Empire State building, that is really some shooting."

Dr. Lovell said that almost immediately after a buzz bomb left its launching place in France its position was plotted on a big chart.

In a few seconds its course was evident and batteries in its path were alerted. The robot director telescopes would be trained on the path of the buzz bomb and the director would start the shooting as soon as the robot missile was in range—literally one robot fighting another.

The robot bombs had one great disadvantage. They could not dodge, they flew unvarying, straight courses.

Evasive action cuts down the number of hits on conventional planes. A piloted plane has several seconds in which to change course after the firing of a shell which otherwise would hit the plane on the nose.

Even so, the Bell laboratories' robots were getting 25 per cent of the piloted planes they shot at during the time when Lovell and Hough were in Europe. This record was made in Normandy from D-day to the end of June, Dr. Lovell said, and was repeated in July.

The Bell men saw captured German mechanical directors for aiming guns. They said these directors impressed them as of competent design and workmanship. They were told it gave excellent results under certain circumstances, but lacked the flexibility of the M-9 director.

War department press releases show the existence of two types of the Bell laboratories' directors, M-9 and M-10. The M-9 is used on 90 millimeter anti-aircraft guns, the M-10 on the 120 millimeter, or 4.7 inch, anti-aircraft gun which will shoot to 60,000 feet. The director coordinates are different for each type of gun.

The 90 millimeter is a dual purpose gun, used both for planes and for tanks and other ground targets. For ground objects the crew merely turns the telescope on the target and shoves in the shell. The director does the rest.

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Buster Puts Miss West In Rather Tight Squeak

PHILADELPHIA. — Miss Margaret West's landlord told her — "Either you or the mice go."

Miss West took her problem to the OPA and explained that her six pet mice "don't harm anyone."

"I keep them in their cages," she said. "At night, I let three of the tame ones out to run around the floor."

Anyway, Miss West added, she wants to keep her apartment, until she catches Buster.

"He's another one," she said, "but he won't come out from under the floor. I've tried everything."

Start Production of Super-Fuel for Planes

WASHINGTON. — A "super fuel" now is being produced in limited amounts for combat planes.

Disclosing this recently, J. A. Krug, WPB chairman, said the current output of the "super fuel" is "very minor" compared with the production of 100-octane gasoline, but will be gradually stepped up.

The new "super fuel" will increase cruising range and "full throttle" performance of planes.

Evergreen

Evergreen, Jan. 22.- Jim Baker, Mrs. Coap Harvey and Misses Terrel and Ida Harvey, of Darlington Heights were visiting in he home of Mrs. Emma Thomas last Friday.

Mrs. S. J. Jennings has been visiting her son, Daniel Jennings, in Christiansburg.

Randolph Evans, U. S. Navy, is here on leave, with his wife and daughter, and staying in the home of Mr. and Mrs. H. D. Baker.

Mrs. C. D. Thompson, of Lynchburg is visiting in the home of her sister, Mrs. L. T. Evans.

C. M. Evans and daughter, Frances, of Appomat ox, Mrs. Eddie Warriner and Miss Blanche Evans visited their brothe r, C. S. Evans, last Sunday. He is at h e hospital in Richmond.

Mr. and Mrs. C. C. Cralle, of Appomattox were visiting Misses Berta and Lillian Cralle on Sunday evening.

Mrs. Floyd Wooldridge continues ill at Memorial Hospital, Lynchburg.

Mrs. Otis Davis and son, Donald of Lynchburg are visiting her mother, Mrs. Floyd Wooldridge.

Mr. and Mrs. Bob Harvey and daughter, Nancy Jo, visited Mr. and Mrs. Percy Carter, of Rocks, recently.

Mrs. Ed Duffner, of Lynchburg, was visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. T. T. Evans Saturday evening.

The W. M. S. met with Mrs. H. B. Cralle last Wednesday. Mrs. Annie Washburn and Mrs. Jeb Paulett were program leaders.

Mrs. J. A. Garrett was visiting at Rocks Sunday.

Mrs. Carl Womack was visiting last wednesday in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Julian White.

Mr. and Mrs. John Kent Hamilton visited her mother at the hospital Sunday evening.

Phone 30 with Personals.

Mrs. J. A. Young is improving after having a severe case of flu.

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